

# All Saints' Anglican Church

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## As you prepare for worship.... Presentation of the Lord C

**Malachi 3:1-4:** Cyrus, King of Persia, has permitted the people of Israel to return to Palestine. The Temple, gutted in 586 BC, has been restored, but Israel is still a Persian province. People expected that their fidelity to God would be rewarded by (material) prosperity, but life has continued to be hard, so after several decades, they have lapsed into waywardness. It is the ungodly who prosper. In the old days, the king was God's agent, but now (there being no king), the priests have assumed this role. God's agent, will come to prepare a way for him. God, long expected, will come to "his temple", to the priests.

**Hebrews 2:14-18:** Hebrews couches the good news in Jewish terms: it sees Jesus as the great high priest. because Jesus and we have the same Father. God reveals himself in the Church. There is a close affinity between Jesus and his followers. Jesus, through his redemptive act, frees us from the fear of death – death is no longer separation from God. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, the nature of death has changed: it has become the way out of the domain of sin. Christ's "sacrifice", death, ends this cycle: he continually takes sins on himself, keeping us in unity with God.

**Luke 2:22-40:** Jesus has been circumcised, marking him as a member of God's chosen people, Israel, through whom world salvation was to be achieved. After childbirth, it was 40 days before a mother could be purified before a priest in the Temple, so it is at least that long since Jesus' birth. She was expected to offer a lamb, along with a turtledove or a pigeon; if she were poor (as Mary is), two turtledoves or pigeons sufficed. Exodus required that every firstborn boy be consecrated to God. Jesus' presentation in the Temple is like Samuel's. Jesus and his family fulfil the requirements of Mosaic law. The Spirit has told Simeon that he will see the Christ before he dies. Simeon and Anna together stand before God; to Luke, men and women are equal in God's eyes. Anna praises God, and tells many the meaning of Jesus, as Simeon has prophesied. Like Samuel, "the favour of God was upon him"

Next week's readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

## Activities this Week

Feb 3

**Monday**

7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement

Feb 4

**Tuesday**

7:00 pm – Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall

Feb 5

**Wednesday**

10:00 am – Bible Study, Rectory

7:00 pm – Bible Study, Rectory

Feb 6

**Thursday**

3:00 pm – Choir Practice

**Friday**

Feb 7

8:00 pm – Group Meeting, Parish Hall

**Sunday**

Feb 9

8:00 am – Holy Eucharist BCP

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist BAS

12:00 pm - Vestry Meeting, Parish Hall

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### PLEASE NOTE \*\*

(Every Tuesday, 11 am Walking Group meeting at the Animal Farm parking lot with a 12:15 pm Lunch. This week TBA.

(Every Wednesday, 10 am & 7 pm - Bible Study at the Rectory.

Feb 10	1:30 pm – Bible Crossword, Rectory
Feb 14	7 pm – Creative Word, Carole & John Airey's
Feb 15	6 pm – Ham Dinner, Parish Hall
Feb 17	1:30 pm – ACW meets, Parish House
Feb 28	5 pm – The Slice 6 pm – Hymn Sing
Mar 10	1:30 pm – Bible Crossword, Rectory
Mar 14	7 pm – Creative Word, Rectory
Mar 17	1:30 pm – ACW meets, Parish House

Anglican Church Women's Annual Meeting & Luncheon  
Saturday, 26 April 2025  
Held @ the Church of the Ascension, London  
(See the bulletin board for more information)

### Vestry Reports

Our Vestry is fast approaching, **Sunday, February 9th** after the 10:30 am Service. If you do not have your Vestry reports finished and in the office, please do so asap. In writing or by email. Thank you!

Your Donation Envelopes are here. You can find them at the back of the church & chapel.

*Come enjoy a Ham Dinner. Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Doors open at 5 pm with Dinner at 6 pm.*

### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm. **Steve Harnadek** - Tues - Fri: 10 am - 12 Noon

(Day off: Mon) (These are estimated times and do fluctuate, depending on circumstances. It is best to call first.